

**PATENT****REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office action dated 03/31/2004 is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.111(b).

- Claims 1-13 are pending.
- Claims 1-6 and 11-13 stand rejected.
- Claims 7-10 are objected to.
- Claim 7 has been canceled and its limitations added to claims 1, 2, and 13.
- Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of canceled claim 7.
- The limitations of claim 1 have been added to claim 10 which is now an independent claim.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

As independent claims 1, 2, and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 7, they are now patentable. As dependent claim 10 has been rewritten as an independent claim including the limitations of the previously presented claim 1, claim 10 is also patentable. The dependent claims depend on and further limit their parent claims that are patentable. Thus the dependent claims are patentable.

Since all rejections, objections and requirements contained in the outstanding official action have been fully answered or traversed and shown to be inapplicable to the present claims, it is respectfully submitted that reconsideration is now in order under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.111(b) and such reconsideration is respectfully requested. Upon reconsideration, it is also respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is therefore respectfully requested.

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Should any additional issues remain, or if I can be of any additional assistance,  
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